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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regard to Docket #98N-1038.

Currently, irradiated foods must be labeled with a CERadura symbol and statement indicating that the product has been irradiated. Congress and the food industry have proposed labels such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization." These labels are attempts to dodge the irradiation controversy by purposely misleading the consumer. If irradiated food really is safe, what is the problem with continuing to label it as "irradiated"?

As a health-conscious consumer, it is my right to know whether food has been irradiated. Please provide us with a labeling standard that clearly states that the product has been irradiated. The requirement for irradiation disclosure (both the label and the CERadura symbol) should not expire any time in the future.

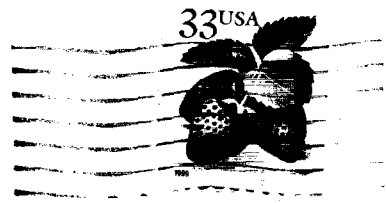
Sincerely,



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